



## INTELL UPDATE / IN THE NEWS

# VET NET NEWS

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**Vietnam Veterans Honored Aboard USS Constitution** – Friday, May 18th, saw an exceptional gathering of over 350 Vietnam era Veterans and their guests as they were hosted by Commander and crew of the USS Constitution for an unforgettable “underway” (or “turn-around cruise”) to commemorate their service to the nation as part of the series of “Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”

events. After the cruise, guests were treated to a lunch and formal ceremony at which Gov. Baker, General Lengyel, Chief - National Guard Bureau, Maj Gen Keefe, MA Adj Gen, and numerous other dignitaries were present. Said one USMC combat Veteran, “This has been one of the best days of my life since I got back from Vietnam!”



Above: Maj Gen Gary Keefe and CAPT (Ret) Mary Jo Majors present Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins to Vets  
Left: CDR Nate Schick, CO and CDR John Benda, XO, stand with an 1812 Marine and Vietnam era Veterans from Boston

**Veteran Care Givers / Hidden Heroes Honored** - On May 1<sup>st</sup>, several local dignitaries and national leaders gathered at the West Roxbury VA to recognize and celebrate Greater Boston’s “hidden heroes” - the spouses, parents, and loved ones caring for wounded warriors at home. They were there to join forces with the community’s military and veteran caregivers for an important conversation highlighting the unique challenges facing caregivers and the innovative solutions offered in the Boston area and beyond. The event was co-hosted by the Hidden Heroes organization as part of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. In addition to Senator Dole, guests were addressed by Congressman Joe Kennedy III, Mayor Walsh, Secretary Ureña, and Commissioner Sterling, City of Boston. Our “hero” caregivers shared their insights in a panel session and open forum. A of the event was a rousing speech given by a 101 year old 82nd Airborne paratrooper, James “Maggie” Magellus, who was made famous in the film “A Bridge Too Far” by a character based on his experiences as an Infantry lieutenant during Operation Market Garden. Thank you to all our family and friend “care warriors” who support our Veterans on a daily basis.



Sec Ureña, Mrs. Magellus, CPT “Maggie” Magellus, and Sen Elizabeth Dole

★ **New Access for VA Claims and Enrollment Opportunities** - Bedford VA has partnered with VBA to expand the services offered at our Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Now, in addition to receiving enrollment assistance and ID card processing, a claims representative from the VBA is at the CBOCs on a monthly basis. Veterans can be seen on a walk in basis - no appointment needed! Visit us at:

**Gloucester VA Clinic** - VBA Claims Rep: 4th Friday of the month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enrollment and ID Cards: 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Haverhill VA Clinic** - VBA Claims Rep: 2nd Wednesday of the month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enrollment and ID Cards: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Lynn VA Clinic** - Enrollment and ID Cards and VBA Claims Rep: 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8am-2pm

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**Southeast Mass Vets Expo 2018!** On a Saturday in mid-May at the Raynham Middle School, 250 Veterans and guests networked, enjoyed free food and music, military displays and Veterans support programs from more than 60 area agencies and employers. The Town of Raynham and VSO Micaila Britto were the primary hosts along with VA Boston and friends from the throughout the region.

★ **The Veterans and Family Advisory Board** Are you a Veteran and or family member that is interested in building coalitions and partnerships within VA Boston? This is an opportunity to give feedback and actively participate in the outcomes of the Mental Health Service as well as other issues related to care at the VA Boston. Monthly meetings will be held starting in September 12, 2018 11 am ( 2nd Wednesday monthly) available by PICTEL all 3 campuses. For additional information, contact Gayle Clark, LICSW, co-chair VFAB, 774-826-2834 or [GayleAnn.Clark@va.gov](mailto:GayleAnn.Clark@va.gov)

- ★ **New Veterans “Whole Health Program”!** Led by Veteran Peer Partners with no registration needed; Welcoming Transitioning Service Members, Veterans, Family members
- Recognizes you as a whole person and helps support your unique answer to the question, “What would you do if your health were the best it could be?”
  - Focuses on your values and aspiration, your health and well-being and includes self-care and complementary therapies (acupuncture, Tai Chi, and yoga), along with conventional medical care.
  - Puts you in the center of your care allowing you to be an active partner with your health team.
- Dates /Times: July 19 from 1:30-4pm ; August 2 & 16 from 1:30-4pm; September 6 & 20 from 1:30-4pm  
Location: West Roxbury VA - 1400 VFW Parkway, Building 3, 1st Floor, Canteen Conference Room  
For questions and more information contact: Julia Lehmann, LICSW at 857-203-5421

★ **Veteran Warrior Service Spotlight at VA Boston**

**Derek “Doc” Collins, Veteran Recruitment Coordinator, VA Biorepository Brain Bank, VA Boston Healthcare System**

**Service:** US Navy **Rank:** Hospital Corpsman (FMF) First Class **Era:** 2001-2007

**Reason for Serving Veterans:** “From the combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan to medical research at VA Boston, I continue my service to take care of my brothers and sisters because I vowed to never forsake them. Never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.”



★ **VA Introduces New Feature That Allows Veterans to Securely Access Medical Images Online** — The VA recently released a new online feature through the [My HealthVet](#) portal that allows Veterans to access their medical images and associated study reports online. Called [VA Medical Images and Reports](#), the feature allows Veterans with a premium account to view, download and share copies of their radiology studies, such as X-rays, mammograms, MRIs and CTs, from the VA Electronic Health Record (EHR). Read more [here](#).

# MORALE – WELFARE- RECREATION

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**World War II Weekend – July 20-21**, Mechanized Warfare Museum, Deerfield, NH - examine and learn about multiple different kinds of World War II vehicles and weapons, as well as how the soldiers of that era lived, by walking through Axis and Allies encampments and interacting with the living historians. To top it all off, however, attendees will have the opportunity to view a live World War II battle reenactment, as well as flamethrower and weapon demonstrations.

**July 20th - 8am until 3pm** - Veterans, first responders, and their families are invited to join HOW Boston for a day of kayak and fishing at Spy Pond in Arlington, MA. All kayaks and fishing gear will be provided along with food. if you would like to attend Please email [bostonma@heroesonthewater.org](mailto:bostonma@heroesonthewater.org). If you have your own gear please state that in your email so they have an accurate count.



**Military Advanced Sculling** - Sundays 1030a-noon and Thursdays 530-7am (held side by side with the Mil/ Vets Sweeps Team); Limited to 8 athletes  
Description: Military Advance Sculling is designed to improve the skill of rowers who are competent in A and B sculls. This includes basic equipment, safety and boat handling. The session intends to advance the skill set of the participants so they can pass the Captain's Test and Bow Certification.

CRI WILL STILL HOLD **SUNDAY COED SCULLING DROP-IN SESSIONS**: WOMEN 9-1030AM  
ALL SERVICE MEMBERS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS 1030AM-12; please register at <http://www.communityrowing.org/programs/signup/>



### **Veterans Family Summer Series & North Shore YMCAs FREE FAMILY EVENTS:**

Crafts, Swimming, Archery  
Saturday, July 21, 11AM to 2PM, Camp Cedar Mill, YMCA  
390 Wethersfield St., Rowley, MA

### ➤ **CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS NEW ENGLAND TO RUN THE ARMY TEN MILER IN OCTOBER**

Clear Path for Veterans New England is excited to announce that we are a 2018 Community Partner for the Army Ten Miler Race. The race held in Washington DC on October 7th boasts 35,000 runners and a beautiful course that brings runners along many popular sights. Clear Path has a team entered and each runner on the team is raising \$1,000 to support Clear Path's expansion in the New England Area. Please consider helping us out - join the team as a runner or donate to our cause: <http://www.clearpathne.org/army-ten-miler>. Contact Donna Bulger 508-308-0724



# VETERAN RESOURCES

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★ **Greater Boston Coordinated Veterans Services!** Reach out to connect to fellow Veterans and the complete network of Veterans resources and opportunities in the area. Jobs, benefits, activities – its all here! Contact Bob Notch at (617) 208-6225 or go to [coordinatedvetservices.org](http://coordinatedvetservices.org)

★ **VA Increases Electronic Access – One Stop Shopping** - More than four million Veterans can now use their My HealtheVet credentials to access services from across VA on Vets.gov. This means that Veterans can now log in one time, in one place, to refill a prescription, check their claim and apply for benefits that help them pay for college and training programs. To learn more click [here](#).

★ **VA Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) On-Site Service Reps!**

- **Jamaica Plain**, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Comp & Pen Desk, Tues/Thurs, 7:30-3; James Robinson, 617-303-4986
- **W. Roxbury Campus**, Eligibility, Thursdays, 8:30-11:45am, Anthony Jackson, 617-303-4992
- **Chelsea Soldiers Home**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, Keville House, 91 Crest Ave, 9am-1pm

★ **VFW Disability Claim Assistance** – the Dept of MA **VFW Service Officer** is available at:

- **Brockton VA Campus** every Tues & Wed/9am-3pm, VFW Office, Bldg 7, Rm 104; every other Friday, 9am-3pm
- **Jamaica Plain VA Campus** – every other Thursday, 9am-3pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, C Wing, Room 34
- POC: 617-515-6134; [cdesousa.vfw@gmail.com](mailto:cdesousa.vfw@gmail.com)

★ **VFW Remote Offices** – Billerica VFW Post, 12 Phiney Street, N. Billerica, Wednesdays, 9am-3pm; Bedford VAMC, Bldg 9, Rm 136, Mondays & Fridays, 9am-3pm. To arrange for support at your location, contact Dom DiMambro at 978-808-6558, [domdimambro895@yahoo.com](mailto:domdimambro895@yahoo.com).



**FREE FITNESS GROUP TRAINING FOR VETERANS! Stoughton, YMCA – MONDAYS, 6-7AM THURSDAYS, 6-7PM;** Child watch available. AVAILABLE TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT MILITARY PERSONNEL. GET BACK TO YOUR FITNESS ROUTINE WITH OTHER VETS. Contact Ben Green, [bgreen@oldcolonymca.org](mailto:bgreen@oldcolonymca.org), 781-341-2016 x. 261

★ **Veterans Support and Counseling Center Framingham**- VA Vet Center Community Access Point at the Open Spirit Building on the campus of Edwards Church, 39 Edwards Street in the Saxonville section of Framingham. Hours are Monday, 0800-1830; Wednesday, 0800-1830 and Thursday, 0800-1830. Connect with Dave Heilman at 413-584-4040.

★ **Coaching Into Care – How to Get Your Vet the Help She or He Needs:** [@CoachingIn2Care](https://t.co/TtYMaSHDQ1), a free VA service helps #Veterans find the words to start important conversations 888-823-7458:... <https://t.co/TtYMaSHDQ1>



**Massachusetts Veterans Advisor** – the Commonwealth's one-stop connection point for all Veteran focused/related resources in the region. Hosted by the Dept of Veterans Services. <https://www.massvetsadvisor.org/>

# EDUCATION, CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT

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- **The Mission Continues Service Leadership Corps – Application accepted thru 30 July:** SLC is a six-month community-based leadership program for US Military veterans and current members of the Guard and Reserves. Corps members will build their leadership skills alongside a national network of veterans through in-person gatherings and a virtual learning environment. Engage in learning through real-world application in partnership with a community organization connect with each other and the community. Intent is that veterans will complete SLC with an elevated awareness and appreciation for the challenges that our country is facing in cities and communities nationwide, and that this awareness will result in an increased desire to continue the pursuit of community-based leadership opportunities. Learn more [here](#).
- **VA Boston “Whole Health” Social Services Assistant – GS/6 positions in Brockton, JP and W. Roxbury; closes 30 July.** Duties include welcoming Veterans into the local system, orienting them to Whole Health concepts, coordinating and connecting Vets to resources and programs, assisting in articulating their goals for health and well-being, learning and practicing new self-care skills, helping monitor their progress, assisting in their health plans, helping to advocate for themselves to obtain effective services, etc. For more info go to <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/504664500>.
- **JOB POSTING: CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP, ESTATE PLANNING PROJECT OF THE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC –** Oversee the Project’s docket, maintain community and pro bono partnerships, represent clients, and train and supervise law students who enroll in the Veterans Legal Clinic and who seek to develop skills in estate planning practice. Candidates must have earned a J.D. no more than 3 years ago, have at least one year of experience, and be admitted to the MA bar or eligible for temporary admission. Info [here](#).
- **Gulf War Veterans! Does this sound like you?** have muscle or joint pain, trouble concentrating or remembering, feel tired. If you have these or other symptoms you may be interested in the **"Cognitive Rehabilitation for Gulf War Illness" research study**. You do not have to have a diagnosis of Gulf War Illness to participate. **You will be paid up to \$200 for your time**. Some participants may be eligible to receive additional compensation for travel to the Bedford VA. Call Beth Ann Petrakis at 781 687-2975.



**Now Recruiting for the September Cohort - The StreetWise 'MBA' program for Veteran business owners and family members** using Interise’s **executive training program** to provide education that supports business owners on their path to

growth and success. The StreetWise 'MBA' is designed to give business owners access to business knowledge, management know-how, and relationships needed for their businesses to **flourish in today's competitive marketplace**. Designed to run for 7 months covering business development strategies,

strategic planning, financial management, marketing/sales, HR, accessing capital, government contracts  
**Basic Eligibility Requirements:** •Veteran-Owned Businesses in MA, RI, NH, Maine, and CT•\$75,000+ in annual revenues • Been in business for at least one year. [LELANDG@VETRN.ORG](mailto:LELANDG@VETRN.ORG), 617-901-6055

- **JOB POSTING: VA Boston (Jamaica Plain) Peer Support Specialist for Veterans Housing Program (HUD VASH)** - provide comprehensive and intensive peer support services, advocacy, and coordination of appropriate VA and community service providers/agencies as needed by the homeless veteran. assist the veterans, along with a multi-disciplinary team from the HUD-VASH Program, to obtain and retain permanent, affordable and appropriate housing. Must have drivers license. Contact Judy Lipton, at 857-364-5433/[judith.lipton@va.gov](mailto:judith.lipton@va.gov) or Ryan Sirois, at 857-364-6971, [ryan.sirois@va.gov](mailto:ryan.sirois@va.gov) (see attachment).

# ON – GOING MISSIONS & EVENTS

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- ✪ **Mess Hall Mondays– 7:30-9:00; 6 Aug, 10 Sept, 1 Oct** - Free breakfast and fellowship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Café, Hawes Building, Brighton Marine Health Center, 77 Warren St, Brighton. POC: Bob Notch, 617-208-6225.
- ✪ **Lowell Vet Center Programs - 10 George St., Lowell** –Cheryl.Michaud@va.gov: (978) 453-1151
  - OEF/OIF/OND Group meeting:** Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:00pm – facilitated by combat Vets.
  - **Warrior Yoga:** Mondays, 6 - 7pm on Mon and Wed; 12:00-1:20pm on Wed; 1:00-2:20pm on Friday
  - **Walk The War Off**, OEF/OIF/OND Vet Hiking Group: Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30pm, see Rich
  - **Vet Partner/Spouse Support Group** – Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm; provide specialized support, psycho-education, and skills to female partners of Vets; POC: Amanda Mead or Catherine Chasse, (978) 453-1151
- ✪ **“Veterans Business Owner’s Initiative” Classes** – a group of organizations and programs designed to help Vets develop and manage their own successful businesses. Tuesdays at 2pm, Brockton VA Campus, Building 22, Room 223C. More information at [www.vboi.info](http://www.vboi.info).
- ✪ **Team Red White & Blue Group Run** – 6:30-7:30, Wednesdays, Marathon Sports, 671 Boylston St, **Boston**; Thursdays, 287 School Street, **Mansfield** and 300 Martin Luther King Jr Way, **Lowell**; roughly 3 mile course
- ✪ **“60+ Veterans Group”** – meets every Wednesday, 10am-noon; **Twelfth Baptist Church**, 150 Warren St, Roxbury, MA, (617) 442-7855
- ✪ **OIF/OEF/OND Group:** meets every second and fourth Wednesday; 5:30 PM at the **Boston Vet Center**, 7 Drydock Ave Boston; call Amy at 857-203-3009 or Steve at 857-203-3005.
- ✪ **Vets Re-Employment Support Services at VA Boston:** Resume writing, interview prep, goal setting, Job Placement; **JP**-Mondays, 11am-2pm, Rm D3-122; **Brockton**-Thursdays, 8am-4pm, Bldg 7, Rm A104. For more info call 774-826-3069.
- ✪ **Veterans Coffee Socials**
  - **Northshore Community College: Lynn Campus:** Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:30 in cafeteria; **Danvers Campus:** Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 in the Veterans Center
  - **Bedford VA** - Thursday mornings in the canteen from 0730-0900 (Cafeteria)
  - **Beverly** - Saturdays 8:30 - 10:00am Vittori-Rocci Post 56 143 Brimbal Ave.,
  - **Danvers:** Thursdays 5:00 PM to 6:00PM N. Shore Community College, 1 Ferncroft Road
  - **Gloucester** – Fridays, 7:30 - 9:00am at 12 Emerson Ave, Vet Center & DAV Building
  - **Haverhill** – Fridays, 8-11am at Battle Grounds Coffee, 39 Washington St
  - **Lowell** - Fridays 8:00 - 9:30am Senior Center 267 Broadway Street, Lowell, MA
  - **Lynn:** Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM N. Shore Community College, Lynn Vet Center, Room LW 213
  - **Peabody:** Wednesdays 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Elks Lodge 1409, 38 Oak St.
  - **Plymouth** - Fridays 1:00 - 2:30pm Nathan Hale Veterans Outreach Center 763 State Rd
  - **Rockport:** Saturdays 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM American Legion, 32 Beach St
  - **Somerville** - Monday 7:30-9:00 at Mass Bay Veterans Center located at 4 North St.
  - **Tewksbury:** Mondays 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM VSO/Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury
  - **Woburn/Stoneham:** Elks Lodge 908, 295 Washington St. Woburn, MA, \*POC Tony Russo, 781-687-3322
- ✪ **Walk-In Legal Clinic for Low Income/Homeless Veterans - Veterans Legal Services** provides comprehensive civil legal services. Call 617-552-0623 to see if you are income eligible. **Mondays** at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, 10:30-12:30 and **Wednesdays**, 6-7pm at the NE Center & Home for Vets, 17 Court St, Boston

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### ☛ MONTHLY COFFEE SOCIALS

- **Amesbury Veterans Coffee Hour** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2:00-3:30pm; Council On the Aging, 68 Elm Street.
- **BOURNE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 12:00 PM VFW Post 180, Shore Rd., Bourne
- **DEDHAM WOMENS COFFEE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 5:00 PM to 8:00, PM Dedham Square Coffeehouse, 565 High St., Dedham, POC: Gail Cavanaugh-McAuliffe, g.a.mcauliffe@state.ma.us, (617) 939-5786
- **FALMOUTH:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9:30 AM Atria at Woodbriar, 339 Gifford Ave., Falmouth
- **FALMOUTH:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 9:00 AM Elks Club, 140 Palmer Ave., Falmouth
- **SALEM:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 9:00AM, VSO/Senior Center, 5 Broad St., Salem

- ☛ Monthly New England Vets Gathering - 6-9pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Point - 147 Hanover Street (Faneuil Hall) - Upstairs Bar; socialize, connect and strengthen Vet bonds. Contact Michael Petit at [Michael.Petit@ny.email.gs.com](mailto:Michael.Petit@ny.email.gs.com)

- ☛ Boston Vet Counseling Center Group Meetings 5-11 Dry Dock Ave, Suite 2070, Boston, Call (857)203-6461.
  - Monday - Vietnam PTSD Group: 1-2:30pm
  - Tuesday - HUMV Veteran Support 8:00-11:00am
  - Wednesday - PTSD Vietnam 11am – 1:00pm, every 2-weeks beginning Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Thursday - Vietnam African American 10:00am – 12:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs); Vietnam PTSD, 5-7pm
  - Friday - Mindfulness 11:00am – 12:30pm// Running Group – meet at noon

- ☛ Hudson Vets Talk Group – Hudson - connect and network with area Vets every other Thursday. Meets at 9:00AM at the Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson, MA

- ☛ Danvers Veterans Social - Every Thursday, 4:30pm - 6:30pm, VFW Hall, 5 Conant St, Danvers, MA 01923, Open to all Veterans and their Families. Got questions? Need Advice? Food , drink, and friendship.

- ☛ Cancer Support Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Cancer Support Community, 120 Longwater Drive, Suite 104, Norwell. POC: Kathy Armany, at 781-610-1490.

- ☛ Home Base Program - Family Education and Support for Loved Ones Who Use Substances - Mondays, 5:30 pm and Wednesday | 5:00 – 6:00 PM | Home Base Clinic, 101 Merrimac St. Boston, Contact [morbida@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:morbida@mgh.harvard.edu), Phone: 617-643-8567



### Future Events – Save the Date!

- **Boston College Veteran Kick-off Party 2018** - Oct 3. 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Cadigan Alumni Center
- **New England Center & Home for Vets - 16th Annual Leave No One Behind Gala** – Oct 10
- **Governors Women Vets Council and Women Vet Network Lunch** – Oct 20, Randolph
- **Massachusetts Women Vet Appreciation** – Nov 1, 10-11:30, State House
- **VFW Regional Convention** - November 15-18, Sheraton Hotel in Framingham,

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<b>54<sup>th</sup> Mass Vol Regiment Battle of Ft Wagner Ceremony</b> National Park Service, City of Boston and 54 <sup>th</sup> Mass Vol Regt	7/18/18	54 <sup>th</sup> Regt Monument 24 Beacon Street Boston, MA	Time: 1pm, Commemorating the historic July, 1863 attack by the state's 54 <sup>th</sup> Regt on Confederate fortifications near Charleston, SC. POC: 54thmass@comcast.net
<b>Veterans Gaming Night</b> Host: "Stack Up" and VABHS	7/20/18	VA Medical Center 150 S. Huntington Jamaica Plain Conf Rm F104	Time: 7-9pm; On site fellowship, networking, snacks and Vet support in a local on-line gaming environment ; POC: Wesley.Sanders@va.gov
<b>Free Kayaking/Fishing Fun Day</b> "Heroes On Water"	7/20/18	Spy Pond 50 Pond Lane Arlington, MA	Veterans, first responders, and their families are invited. All kayaks and fishing gear will be provided along with food. if you would like to attend Please email bostonma@heroesonthewater.org.
<b>WWI Veteran Commemoration</b> Benjamin Rutstein Square	7/20/18	Benjamin Rutstein Sq, 20 Staniford Street Boston MA	a West End Veteran killed in action. Interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Military Cemetery in France, near the French-German Border.
<b>North Shore Veterans Lunch</b>	7/21/18	Joe's Bar and Grill 311 Mishawum Rd, Woburn, MA	Time: 1pm-2:30; fellowship and networking. POC: Phil McColgin; pmccolgan@aol.com
<b>Operation Thank a Veteran</b> City of Boston Veterans Service S. Boston and Ft. Point Service Areas	7/21/18	Boston Ctr for Youth & Family 200 D Street Boston, MA	9am- 12pm; Meet with other volunteers from across the city to reach out to Veterans with information and benefits. Contact: james.santos@boston.gov 617-241-8387
<b>"Vet Ex"</b> Boston Area Vet Resource Orientation VA BHS and Brighton-Marine	7/24/18	Brighton Marine Hawes Bldg, 7 <sup>th</sup> Fl 77 Warren St Brighton, MA	4-7pm; focusing on recently REFRAD troops and Vets of all eras; info sessions on VBA, VHA, DVS and local services. Free parking and snacks; family welcome. POC: <a href="mailto:david.hencke@va.gov">david.hencke@va.gov</a> ; 857-364-5934
<b>"The Wall That Heals"</b> Mobile Vietnam Wall Town of Weymouth VSO	7/26- 7/29/18	Union Point/Old Naval Air Station Weymouth, MA	1/3 scale of actual Vietnam Wall in Washington DC; ceremonies every evening; POC: George Pontes, gpontes@weymouth.ma.us; 508-737-7801
<b>Student Veteran Networking Reception</b> Northeastern U. CAVS	7/26/18	NEU Center for Veterans Services 271 Huntington Ave Boston, MA	Time: 5:30-7:30; Student Veteran fellowship for all area schools/colleges; POC: Andy McCarty, a.mccarty@northeastern.edu



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<b>Vet Socializing</b> <b>The Mission Continues Lowell Platoon and Team Rubicon</b>	7/28/18	Across the street from the Lowell Folk Festival's Market Street stage	5pm; come hang out with The Mission Continues and Team Rubicon for our first combined social event while enjoying music from the Lowell Folk Festival.
<b>"Run to Home Base"</b> <b>Home Base Program Fundraiser</b> <b>New Balance, Red Sox and MGH</b> <a href="http://www.runtohomebase.org">www.runtohomebase.org</a>	7/28/18	Fenway Park Yawkey Way Boston, MA	Time: 7am – 12pm; presented by New Balance. It is a 9K run or 5K run/walk through Boston to support Home Base services for Veterans, Service Members and their Families. POC:
<b>Suffolk University</b> <b>Veterans Upward Bound Expo</b>	8/7/18	Suffolk University 120 Tremont St., 5th Floor Boston, MA	Time: 11am-3pm; VA Benefits   Healthcare Employment   Housing, Education Assistance Counseling POC: Ellis Colleton @ 857-393-8908
<b>Retreat for Retreat for Women OIF/OEF Veterans</b>  <b>Camp Resilience</b>	8/7-8/10/18	The Gunstock Inn 580 Cherry Valley Rd Gilford, NH	led and facilitated completely by women and will include workshops discussing such topics as wellness through lifestyle changes, resiliency, etc. Includes kayaking, hiking, yoga, etc POC: Kurt Webber, 603-520-3898
<b>Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative</b> <b>Statewide Veteran Council Summit</b>	8/9/18	Brandeis University 415 South Street Waltham, MA	9:30am-3pm Meet, network, learn and serve with regional agencies and fellow Veterans. Learn best practices and resources common to all. Free lunch. POC: Bob Notch, (617) 208-6225, BobNotch@Brighton-Marine.org
<b>"College Knowledge" Veteran and Troop Resource Night</b> <b>MA National Guard</b>	8/9/18	National Guard Armory 111 General Owens Blvd Taunton, MA	Time: 5-8pm; Education and VA benefits and resources for military members, Veterans and family; POC: <a href="mailto:Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil">Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil</a> ;
<b>National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs</b> <b>2018 Annual Training Conference</b>	8/12-8/15/18	The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA	Hosted by Sec Francisco Urena. Those wishing to host a Vet Provider table contact Bob Notch, 617-208-6225, BobNotch@Brighton-Marine.org.
<b>"College Knowledge" Veteran and Troop Resource Night</b> <b>MA National Guard</b>	8/13/18	National Guard Armory Joint Base Cape Cod	Time: 5-8pm; Education and VA benefits and resources for military members, Veterans and family; POC: <a href="mailto:Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil">Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil</a> ;
<b>"College Knowledge" Veteran and Troop Resource Night</b> <b>MA National Guard</b>	8/15/18	National Guard Armory 25 Haverhill St Reading, MA	Time: 5-8pm; Education and VA benefits and resources for military members, Veterans and family; POC: <a href="mailto:Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil">Cameron.r.fiorentino.ctr@mail.mil</a> ;

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## July-September 2018

EVENT TITLE & HOST	DATE	LOCATION	NOTES
<b>Massachusetts National Guard Military &amp; Family Programs State Volunteer Workshop &amp; Youth Symposium</b>	8/17 – 8/19/18	Sheraton Conf Ctr 1657 Worcester Rd Framingham, MA	Learn strategies and network. Join the state support team for Guardsmen and families. <a href="mailto:karen.a.leclair2.ctr@mail.mil">karen.a.leclair2.ctr@mail.mil</a> ; 508-823-0891
<b>11th Annual United States Marine Corp Memorial Motorcycle Run</b>	8/18/18	Wakefield Elks Lodge, 63 Bay State Road, Wakefield MA	Time: Regsn – 9am; hosted by The Honorable Few Marine Corp League Det#1302 honor and pay tribute to one of the Marine Corp's fallen comrades, Capt. Jennifer J. Harris.
<b>Greater Boston Veterans Job Fair</b> Host: Recruit Military and DAV	8/30/18	One Patriot Place Gillette Stadium Foxboro, MA	11am-3pm; New England's largest military related job and career fair. POC: Rob Arndt, 617-841-8000 <a href="mailto:rarndt@recruitmilitary.com">rarndt@recruitmilitary.com</a>
<b>Annual Boston Veterans Stand Down</b> NE Center & Home for Veterans and VA Boston Healthcare	9/7/18	City Hall Plaza Boston, MA	8am-2pm; Food, fun, music, fellowship and an array of services for homeless and at-risk Veterans. See Katie Paquin, <a href="mailto:Katherine.Paquin@va.gov">Katherine.Paquin@va.gov</a> ; 857-364-5841
<b>Massachusetts Run for the Fallen 5K Run/Walk</b> Mass Military Friends Foundation	9/8/18	Barnes Memorial Park 160 Eastern Avenue Dedham, MA	Reg: 8-10am; 9:15 tribute ceremony; meet Wally the Green Monster at the finish line! Funds assist the families of the Fallen <a href="mailto:ARFTF@militaryfriends.org">ARFTF@militaryfriends.org</a> <a href="http://massrunforthe fallen.org/">http://massrunforthe fallen.org/</a>
<b>Thanks To Yanks 12th Annual "9/11 Tribute Dinner"</b>	9/11/18	Double Tree Hotel 11 Beaver Street Milford, MA	6-8pm; Free special tribute dinner to honor all present and past service members and families and commemorate the events of 9/11. <a href="http://www.thankstoyanks.org">www.thankstoyanks.org</a>
<b>Big E's Military Appreciation Day</b>	9/14/18	Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA	Stop by VA location, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on the Avenue of States for free giveaways, information on VA benefits, and a chance to win free tickets to Patriots and other events
<b>Talk and Veterans Mindfulness Meditation Day</b> Project New Hope	9/14-9/16/18	Grotonwood Camp 167 Prescott St. Groton, MA	Learn how meditation practices can help come to terms with the hidden wounds of war. Info <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Mass Elks Veterans Motorcycle Run</b>	9/16/18	Billerica Elks Lodge 14 Webb Brook Rd Billerica, MA	Time: 10:30 Registration, kick-stands up at noon; BBQ, music and raffles. POC: Dan Barnard, <a href="mailto:elksveterans@yahoo.com">elksveterans@yahoo.com</a> ;
<b>VA Boston Veterans Expo: Job &amp; Resource Fair 2018!</b>	9/22/18	Brockton VA Campus 940 Belmont Street Brockton, MA	10am – 4pm; Free food, live music, pony rides, Kidz Zone, swimming, resources, benefits and services of all kinds. POC: 857-364-5934, <a href="mailto:David.Hencke@va.gov">David.Hencke@va.gov</a> .
<b>Mass Elks Veterans Motorcycle Run</b>	9/29/18	Middleboro Elks 24 High Street Middleboro, MA	Time: 10:30 Registration, kick-stands up at noon; BBQ, music and raffles. POC: Dan Barnard, <a href="mailto:elksveterans@yahoo.com">elksveterans@yahoo.com</a> ;